Restriction on mobile phones in Government offices/buildings

4419. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that carrying and use of mobile phones is not allowed in many of the Central Government Offices and high security building due to security reasons;

(b) if so, the details and names of the places/offices it is not allowed;

(c) what are the technical and scientific reasons for placing such restriction on use of mobile phone in such places; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that such a restriction is not there on security consideration in many of the developed and developing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) There is no standing restrictions on carrying and use of mobile phones in Central Government Offices and high security buildings. However, depending on the local threat perception, restrictions on carrying of mobile phones may be enforced by the concerned authorities in specific buidlings.

Coastline security

4420 SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling activities and infiltration of terrorists is rampant through the coastline of the country;

(b) the details of authorities responsible for preventing illegal entry of men and material through the coastline;

(c) the details of seizures and arrest made during the last three years for violation of the country's coastline boundary; year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) what measures are initiated and amount allocated for further strengthening the agencies responsible for coastline security and fortifying

the coastline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Available reports do not suggest that smuggling activities and infiltration of terrorists is rampant through the coastline of the country.

(b) Various Central and State agencies including Indian Navy, Coast Guard, Customs, State Police, etc. secure the country's coastal borders against illegal entry of men and material.

(c) and (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

State-wise and year-wise details of seizures and arrests made by Customs during the years 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 on account of violation of the country's coastline.

Name of State/UT	Period					
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
	No. of cases of seizure	No. of persons arrested	No. of cases of seizure	No. of persons arrested	No. of cases of seizure	No. of persons arrested
Maharashtra	216	46	80	16	74	14
Gujarat	28	NIL	50	1	42	NIL
Karnataka	5	NIL	2	NIL	2	NIL
Kerala	5	NIL	2	NIL	2	NIL
Tamil Nadu	231	30	166	30	140	32
Pondicherry	8	NIL	4	NIL	2	NIL
Andhra Pradesh	46	NIL	58	NIL	32	NIL

Besides, during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, the Coast Guard apprehended 29, 38 and 23 foreign vessels with 312, 318 and 153 crew respectively for poaching in the Indian EEZ.

Keeping in view the vulnerability of country's coasts to illegal cross border activities, Government have approved the following schemes:

(i) A scheme to strengthen the infrastructure in the coastal States and UTs for patrolling and surveillance of the coastal areas to be implemented from the year 2005-06 over a period of 5 years at an estimated non-recurring cost of Rs. 400 crore and recurring cost of Rs. 151 crore spread over 5 years.

(ii) A scheme for establishing additional stations and acquiring Interceptor Boats for Coast Guard for strengthening the joint coastal patrolling off the coasts of Gujarat and Maharashtra. The scheme is to be implemented from the year 2005-06 over a period of 6 years with an estimated non-recurring cost of Rs. 342.56 crore and recurring cost of Rs. 25.95 crore per annum.

Kidnapping by Naxalites

4421. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a Major of Border Road Organisation, engaged in laying road network in Gadhciroli District in Maharashtra was kidnapped in the Naxal infested area on 18th January, 2005;

(b) if so, what is the status of the case now;

(c) how many such incidents of kidnapping by naxalite occurred during 2004 in the country and how many such kidnapped persons rescued; and

(d) whether such kidnapping incidents are happening due to any shortcomings in our security set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. CPML-Jana Shakti/ Kurra Rajanna extremists detained Major M.M. Swamy of the Border Roads Organization on 19.1.2005 in Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra when he had gone to negotiate for the release of one BRO Overseer who along with 2 drivers was kidnapped by naxalites on 18.1.05. Major Swamy was subsequently released. The State police has registered a case in this regard at Assaralli Police Station on 18.1.05.